GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

G.A (Accom.) Department– Rent free accommodation to the Hon'ble Judges of High Court of Andhra Pradesh in lieu of providing Residential Quarters - Enhancement of ceiling limit of rent from Rs.1,25,000/- to Rs. 1,50,000/- per month excluding Water and Electricity charges from the consolidated HRA - Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (ACCOM.) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No.816 Dated:30-04-2024.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No. 108, G.A (Accom.) Department, Dated: 20.01.2020.
2. G.O.Rt.No. 617, G.A (Accom.) Department, Dated. 24.03.2020.
3. G.O.Rt.No.1076, G.A (Accom.) Department, Dated:01.07.2020.
4. From the Registrar General, Hon'ble High Court of A.P, Nelapadu, Dated. 25.05.2023.

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O R D E R:-

In the reference 1st and 2nd read above, Government have accorded sanction for payment of consolidated House Rental Allowance of an amount of Rs. 1,25,000/- per month w.e.f., 01.01.2019, for providing rent free accommodation to the Hon'ble High Court Judges of Andhra Pradesh in lieu of providing Residential Quarters.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, Government have accorded approval for excluding Water and Electricity charges from the consolidated HRA of an amount of Rs.1,25,000/- per month, so as to reimburse the Water and Electricity charges to the Hon'ble Judges as per the extent of permissible limits as mentioned in the Rule 2E of the High Court Judges Rules, 1956.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Registrar General, Hon'ble High Court of A.P, Amaravati has informed that, there is an escalation of rents in respect of private accommodation in Vijayawada and Guntur cities where many of the Hon'ble Judges are residing; as such, it has become very difficult to secure private accommodation befitting to the status of Hon'ble Judges at Rs.1,25,000/- per month and requested to enhance the ceiling limit of the rent in respect of private accommodation being provided to the Hon'ble Judges from Rs. 1,25,000/- to at least Rs. 1,50,000/- per month.

4. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby order for enhancement of existing ceiling limit from Rs.1,25,000/- to Rs.1,50,000/- per month excluding Water and Electricity charges from the revised consolidated HRA, so as to reimburse the Water and Electricity charges to the Hon'ble Judges as per the extent of permissible limits as mentioned in the Rule 2E of the High Court Judges Rules, 1956, subject to the following conditions:-

a).This consolidated HRA amount of Rs. 1,50,000/- includes House Rent, Power back up, maintenance charges or any other cost related to the building/villa.

b).This is only temporary measure till the Government accommodation is made ready upon completion of the Judges bungalows. Once the Judges bungalows are ready for occupation the consolidated HRA ceases.

c).The differential amount if any, on account of selection of accommodation in excess of the consolidated HRA amount of Rs.1,50,000/- per month, has to be borne by themselves.

d).This arrangement is in an effort to provide befitting accommodation to the Hon'ble Judges and to circumvent any sort of inconvenience. Hence, this cannot be quoted as a precedent case.

5. The C.E (R&B), Vijayawada and the Secretary, Legal and Legislative Affairs and Justice, Law Department, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi shall take necessary action, accordingly.

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6. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.Note.No. FIN01-HR0PCTA(RPRC)/39/2019-PC-TA, Dated: 26-03- 2024.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K PRAVEEN KUMAR
SPL. CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (GPM & AR)

To
The Chief Engineer (R&B), HOD's Building, M.G. Road, Vijayawada.
The Registrar General, High Court of A.P., Amaravati.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Accountant General (A&E),A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P., Vijayawada.
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